GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FILING OF I.T. RETURNS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Income Tax Department has recently decided to reduce its work burden by relaxing the salaried class from filing IT returns;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether lakhs of Central Government employees are unduly harassed to file IT returns every year; and

(d) if so, since when filing of IT returns by Central Government employees is likely to be abolished;

(e) whether senior citizens above the age of 72 years are also proposed to be given the same exemption; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE:(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise in view of reply to Part (a).

(c): Law casts an obligation on every person to furnish return of income if his income is above the stipulated threshold limit. However, for the convenience of salaried taxpayers to furnish their return of income, the Government has taken several steps such as−

(i) designing of a SARAL return;

(ii) designing of TDS-cum-return Form;

(iii) issue of schemes of furnishing of return through −

(a) the employer;

(b) e-intermediary;

(c) internet;

(d): There is no proposal to abolish the requirement for reporting of annual income of an employee liable to income tax. However, there is a simplified scheme for employees to report their income by furnishing a return through their employer. This simplified scheme is applicable to an employee having gross annual salary upto Rs. 1,50,000 and not having −

(i) income from business or profession; or

(ii) income from capital gains; or

(iii) agricultural income; or

(iv) any other income from which tax has been deducted at source by a person other than the employer;

(e) & (f) Does not arise in view of reply to Part (d)